**SEZ status fo infocity near Jatni, Orissa**

20. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has requested the Centre for according Special Economic Zone(SEZ) status to the proposad second infocitynearJatni;

(b) if so, the status thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which the approval of the Centre wouid ba conveyed to the State Government, it not, already dona?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Formal approval has been granted by the Government on 25.10.2006 for setting up of a sector specific SEZ for IT (Knowledge Park) at village Gaudakahipur and Arisal, P.S, jatni, Tehsiklatni, District Khurda, Orissa by Orissa industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) with an area of 101.8 hectares.

(c) Does not arise.

**Improving growth of manufacturing sector**

21. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre proposes to work oi:: fresh agenda to step up manufacturing sector growth,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the status of manufacturing sector in Orissa and what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State to further develop this sector;

(d) what are the irritants and bottlenecks that are hindering progress in the matter; and